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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR PORTER FROM MCCALL: WILLIAM ARRIVED WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. STAYED OVERNIGHT WITH LEVITSKYS. PASSPORT AND VISA WILL BE ISSUED FRIDAY. STAYING WITH FAULKNERS THURSDAY THROUGH DEPARTURE.

2. FOR CINDY SMITH FROM LEN WILLEMS: AFTER YOUR PHONE CALL, I CHECKEDWITH VO,WHO TOLD ME THEY HAD ALREADY SENT THE AUTHORIZATION FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF THE TRANSIT VISA FOR MIKHAIL LUBIMOV.

3. DURING AMBASSADOR TOON'S MEETING WITH ASST. SECY. THOMAS, THOMAS SAID HE WOULD ASK FBO FOR ITS PROCEDURES IN PLANNING GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY THIS MAY. FBO HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT THESE EVENTS WHILE SOMETIMES HELD HAVE BEEN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY AFFAIRS, WITH ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE POST. FBO HAS NOT BEEN A PARTICIPANT NOR DO THEY HAVE APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO USE FOR THIS PURPOSE. LETTER BEING SENT TO TRACY FROM GRIMES DESCRIBING SOVIET GROUNDBREAKING AT MT. ALTO.

4. HOUSING: AS AMBASSADOR IS AWARE, WE ARE HOLDING UP MAKING CONNECTIONS FOR SEWER AND WATER TO THE MT. ALTO SITE

UNTIL WE GET SOME ACTION ON OUR HOUSING NEEDS IN MOSCOW.
WE EXPECT TO GET A BLAST FAIRLY SOON FROM THE U.S. SUB-
CONTRACTOR WHO STANDS TO LOSE IF HIS OPERATIONS ARE
IMPEDED BY LACK OF SEWER CONNECTIONS. WE MAY EVENTUALLY
HAVE TO FALL BACK TO ARRANGING WITH LOCAL UTILITIES TO
HOLD UP ELECTRICITY AND GAS SERVICE AT A LATER DATE, WHICH
WOULD HURT US FIRMS LESS IF AT ALL. TRUST YOU WILL KEEP
US INFORMED OF ANY BREAKS ON THE HOUSING FRONT. VANCE

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